(c) The Ministry of Tourism assists State Govts./UT Administrations by providing central financial assistance for tourism infrastructural project proposals identified and prioritized in consultation with them subject to their merit, inter-se priority and availability of funds etc. The proposals are sanctioned/cleared subject to complete proposal, documentation by the State Governments. This is an ongoing process.

Impact of Dual citizenship Law on Tourism

2328. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been any increase of foreign tourists to India after enactment of the Dual citizenship Law in 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to attract foreign citizens of Indian Origin to visit India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a)and (b) There was an increase of 23.5% in foreign tourist arrivals to India during 2004 as compared to 2003 and the period January to July 2005 has seen an increase of 16.9% in foreign tourist arrivals, as compared to the corresponding period in 2004.

(c) The Ministry of Tourism, through the India tourism offices overseas, undertakes a series of promotional activities in tourist generating markets overseas to attract foreign tourist, including foreign citizens of Indian origin, to visit India. These include advertising, participation in fairs and exhibitions, organizing seminar, workshops and road shows, publication of brochures, joint advertising support and inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry.

Impact of Incredible India Campaign on tourist Inflow

2329. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Incredible India Programme has resulted in higher number of tourist inflows since the time the campaign was launched;